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WITH THE LIGHT OF BATTLE IN THEIR EYES

The Old Guard Proudly Marched Through the Streets of St. Joseph Thursday

And Braved the Gale Which Was Almost as Fierce as the Storms of Leaden Hail

With shoulders squared to the gale which acted the part of the enemy Thursday afternoon, and with heads held high even though their footsteps lagged, and to the blast of Howell's brass band and the shrill of the fife and rattle of the drums, four hundred old veterans—the Old Guard—of the Grand Army of the Republic marched over a few of the principal streets of the city Thursday afternoon.

The old boys marched painfully—their limbs were not as supple or their frames as rugged as when in the stirring days of '61 to '65 they rallied at their country's call and bared their breasts to war's devastating blast that this great Republic might still endure—but the memory of those days was with them as they followed the call of the fife and drum Thursday and inspired them for the time to forget their bodily infirmities and the ache of old wounds received in the line of duty—and they were proud—and proudly they stepped as they marched in what will be for many of them their last public parade.

The white hair of the veteran contrasted fittingly with the blond and black and brown of the Sons of Veterans and the Boy Scouts who followed after and who all hoped as they marched after the grizzled veterans to repeat the feats in France, that their leaders had performed in the days of the great civil strife.

The parade, especially at the present time when this nation is again at war, was one that made an impression on all of the spectators which will never while they live be effaced or forgotten. To all the sight of the old soldiers in their failing condition brought thoughts of sorrow that they were so soon to respond to "taps" and rest in peace until the grand reveille.

With the closing of the parade the thirty-seventh annual encampment of Missouri Civil War veterans which began here Wednesday morning was brought to a close and after a motor car ride over the city the old veterans were sent to their homes to recount to their friends the joys of the reunion held in St. Joseph.

A Great Camp Fire
The important event of the meeting and one to which all of the old boys especially looked forward, was the camp fire held at the Lyceum Wednesday night. That commodious theater was filled from pit to dome and never did an audience enjoy itself more than did that one.

The stage had been dressed to represent an army field encampment and the lights had been so arranged that the scene was strikingly realistic. Two veterans in blue stood guard at the edge of the stage encampment and the "pop tents" stood as the old boys knew them so well. A real camp fire burned upon the stage and grouped around it were the soldier performers—a quartette made up of Ralph Parland, Roy Near, Fred Hamm and A. R. McDama.

They sang "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground" and responded to the thunderous encore with "Just Before the Battle, Mother," and the audience rapturously applauded. Later they sang other old war songs and as when the final number came sang "God Be With Us Till We Meet Again," in which the audience joined.

Eloquent addresses were made by Judge Lee Ransleur of St. Louis; C. A. Dorsey of Kansas City; Rev. T. C. Middleton of Turlock, Mrs. Mary A. Wandless of St. Louis and Miss Laura Harolds of this city. P. H. Callahan gave a number of recitations and Samuel M. Mann of this city acted as master of ceremonies.

Officers Are Elected
The business sessions of the G. A. R. and its allied organizations were held Wednesday and the closing one Thursday forenoon, at the latter session the election of officers for the ensuing year being held. The next meeting will be held at Joplin, that place having been selected without opposition.

Capt. Thomas W. Evans of this city, who has so well filled the position of department commander for the past year, was tendered a reception at Hotel Robidoux Thursday night and

was presented with a beautiful floral bouquet.

Phillip F. Coghlan of St. Louis was elected department commander for the ensuing year and the other elective and appointive officers for the same period are: John Mack, Trenton, Mo., senior vice-commander; Sam Mann, St. Joseph, junior vice-commander; Dr. W. M. Smith, Springfield, medical adviser; the Rev. A. M. Reynolds, St. Joseph, chaplain; council of administration, A. Whipple, St. Louis, W. H. Wormstead, Kansas City, Max Fritz, St. Louis, S. D. Webster, St. Louis, and Charles Bieker, St. Louis; patriotic instructor, W. C. Calland, Springfield; assistant adjutant-general, W. F. Henry, St. Louis; judge advocate-general, C. A. Morris, Kansas City.

Delegates chosen to represent the department at the national encampment at Portland, Oregon, in August are: John Michel, St. Joseph; A. Whipple, St. Louis; L. F. Hunt, Brookfield; A. Bowers, St. Louis; Henry Phelps, Joplin; F. W. Root, Trenton; C. W. Webster, St. Joseph; M. Mathias, Moberly; S. D. Webster, St. Louis, and T. J. Dockery, Kirksville.

The alternates elected are: A. J. Showers, St. Louis; R. H. Savage, St. Joseph; G. W. Cunningham, Kirksville; Jacob Hott, California; F. M. Williams, Joplin; G. W. Sparks, Trenton; Ira G. Kinney, Kansas City; Levi Oren, Maitland; W. S. Wood, Tarkio; D. A. Stanton, Nevada; W. F. Chapel, Appleton City, and M. P. Owen, St. Louis.

Taken in all the thirty-seventh encampment was in all respects a grand success.

W. CAMPBELL ANNOUNCES

Will Make the Race for County Auditor and Will Have a Strong Following.

One of the most capable as well as one of the most deserving candidates of the Democratic faith to announce for office is William R. Campbell, now deputy county auditor, who on Thursday made his formal announcement as an aspirant for the nomination for auditor of Buchanan county to succeed his present chief, James S. Burris, who has so well filled the office in the past.

The announcement of Mr. Campbell will be received with pleasure by his hundreds of friends in St. Joseph and all over Buchanan county who fully appreciate his worth and his fitness for the office. He has never held public office and is one of the most consistent working Democrats in the county. For five terms he has been a member of the county central committee, and for these five terms he has each time been unanimously elected its treasurer, which place he now fills.

The office of auditor is one of the most exacting and important of any in the gift of the people of this county. It requires a skilled accountant and Mr. Campbell has all his life been qualified in this respect. He was an accountant for the old firm of Tootle, Hoesa & Co. and was also general bookkeeper for one of the best banks in this city. No problem in figures is too deep or intricate for him and he will make an auditor of whom all will be proud.

OUR BOYS THERE

The Liberty Day Parade in New York Is Led by Missouri Troops.

The Liberty Day parade in New York—one of the greatest parades ever known in that city—was led by Missouri troops, including the St. Joseph boys who have now gone over, but who were at that time encamped at Camp Mills, Long Island.

The procession was reviewed by army and navy officials. The Missouri Women's club, which usually holds its annual tree planting on May 5th, advanced it to Liberty Day on account of the presence of so many Missourians, and the soldiers acted as a guard of honor at the planting of the tree near Grant's tomb on Riverside drive. The tree was named for General John J. Pershing.

A PATRIOTIC STAND

And This Rule Should Apply to All Legislators Now Serving Who Have Been Loyal and Efficient.

The Democratic state executive committee of Minnesota has endorsed United States Senator Knute Nelson, Republican, because he "has rendered distinguished and patriotic service in support of the nation and the president as its leader in this war." Probably nothing exactly like that ever happened before in American politics. In the past one party has been slow to recognize merit in the other, whether of principles or individuals, but of late years the parties have been in somewhat changed relations to each other. This is not altogether due to the war. It was noticeable some time before hostilities were declared. When the public lost interest in the tariff as a great national problem, the parties found themselves virtually without an issue.

In the forthcoming campaign the Democrats, so far as appears at present, will be in much better position than the Republicans; because the Democrats can "point with pride" to their record in conducting the war. It is true that Republican members of congress as a rule assisted the Democrats in carrying out the president's war program, but this fact will hardly be available for campaign purposes; it won't make an issue.

Of course, the Republicans are bound to have an issue before we get far into the presidential campaign year of 1920, but whether it is to be an issue that will appeal to the masses will depend very largely on the Democrats themselves. Blundering, inefficiency or dishonesty in any important department of government will give the Republicans the issue they want, and if such failure on the part of the administration to make good is sufficiently flagrant, it might very easily result in a sweeping victory for the G. O. P. Take for example the threatened investigation of the aircraft program. Some rather nasty things are being said in congress on that subject, and it has vast political possibilities.

Meanwhile the country is hoping the Republicans will not have their issue. If it is to be had at the cost of capable and honest administration by the Democrats—St. Joseph News-Press.

WILFLEY IS RIGHT

He Should Stick to His Post and Not Come Home to Campaign.

The following, which appeared in the News-Press Wednesday, is true—and further it is as it should be—and the people who admire a man who does the duty for which he is elected or appointed will have the support of all fair and right minded people. The voters are not sending men to the Senate or house of representatives these trying days for the purpose of having them come home and desert their posts at the first opportunity in order to make a campaign for reelection, therefore in the case of Senator Wilfley as in the cases of all other representatives who do their duty, the people will look after their campaigns—and send them back. The News-Press says:

Missouri's new senator, Xenophon P. Wilfley, has made a good impression in Washington, so the dispatches say. "I came here to work hard and to back up the administration," Mr. Wilfley told friends on arriving at the capital. "I have no intention of being spectacular or making any freak moves. The progress of our war machine has been wonderfully successful, and I have nothing but praise for it. Although Mr. Wilfley will be a candidate for the senate in the August primaries, he expects to stay in Washington and refrain from personal campaigning if present plans for adjournment of congress early in July do not go through. He would rather take a chance of losing the nomination, he said, than desert his post at Washington.

MISS STROP AND LIEUTENANT HANSEN MARRIED

A very pretty wedding occurred Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Judge and Mrs. Charles F. Strop, when their daughter, Helen Lee, was married to Lieut. Amos Milton Hansen, Rev. J. E. Dillard officiating. The young couple left at once for Manhattan, Kan., where Lieut. Hansen is at present stationed, followed by the well wishes of their numerous friends.

JOHN K. LONGNECKER DIES IN SIOUX CITY

The older traveling men who now "carry the grip" from St. Joseph, will be pained to hear of the death of John K. Longnecker, a pioneer traveling man of this city, which occurred last week at Sioux City. In the 70s and 80s he represented the Nave-McCord Mercantile Co. of this city and was the best known traveling man going out of St. Joseph.

FAITHFUL TO TRUST

Congressman Booher Sticks to His Post While His Friend Is Laid Away.

It seems to us that hardly a greater test can be given a man's loyalty and faithfulness to official trust than to stick to his work while a good friend is being laid away in the cemetery. For years Charles P. Booher and William J. Stone have been close friends. Yet when the latter died and was brought back to Missouri for burial, Mr. Booher was compelled by congressional duties to remain in the capitol, and forego expressing the honor and respect he felt for the deceased senator and friends. This was indeed a test of official sticktoithness.—Platte County Landmark.

A STRIKING LETTER

Stephen K. Owen Issues a Strong Appeal to the Voters in the Interest of His Candidacy.

Stephen K. Owen, the well known attorney, who is an active candidate for the Democratic nomination for prosecuting attorney, knows how to do all things well and has further demonstrated this fact by sending out the following convincing letter to the voters of this city and county. It follows:

My Dear Sir:
It is somewhat unusual to make a political announcement in a circular letter, but I am doing so in harmony with the spirit of the hour in which I advise you that I am a candidate for the nomination for Prosecuting Attorney in the Democratic ticket at the primary election to be held on the 5th day of August, 1918.

I was born and reared in this county and have lived here all my life. My father and mother have also spent their entire lives in this county. My grandparents having adopted this county as their home about twenty-five years ago. I greatly desire the honor of being prosecuting attorney of this, my own county, where every bond of kinship and of home and of material things links my welfare with the welfare of Buchanan county. My highest aim will be to serve my county better than it has ever been served before.

I received my education in the schools of Buchanan county and the University of Missouri, having graduated from St. Joseph high school and from the Law Department of the University.

I have had seven years experience in the practice of my profession, the greater part of which has been in connection with the trial of criminal cases. I was assistant attorney general of this state during the year 1913. I was assistant prosecuting attorney of this county during the year 1914 under the administration of the late Hon. Corry C. Farrell. I believe this experience, both professional and official, has equipped me to handle the business of the prosecuting attorney's office efficiently.

Should I be elected, in the primary, I will be in your neighborhood and will call to see you personally. In the meantime I would be pleased to have you consider me a candidate for this office and if you think favorably of my candidacy, recommend me to your friends. Assuring you that your endorsement and any effort in my behalf will be highly appreciated. I remain, Yours very truly, STEPHEN K. OWEN.

A GOOD SHOWING

State Finances Disclose That the Democratic Officials Are Administering Matters Well.

What's the matter with Missouri? What's the matter with the state finances? Not a thing, my boy, except in the matter of more revenue than ever for the increased collections of the state treasury department are a surprise even to the oldest state officials. In April the collections were swelled more than \$1,000,000, and this is not the season when the receipts have been heavy in past years.

The balance May last was \$7,220,777.84, a record amount, against \$6,965,345.50 on April 1. The revenue fund from which the running expenses of the state government and institutions are paid had a balance of \$1,784,432.98. Recently the state fund commissioners paid \$200,000 out of this fund to take up debts due to St. Louis banks for advancing funds to pay the deficits of the last state administration. The remainder of the debt is \$1,585,000.

The school moneys now amount to \$1,650,877.79 and there is a balance to the credit of the good roads fund of \$1,482,967.81.

Again—all together—what's the matter with Missouri?

DR. A. S. J. SMITH PROMOTED

Advices received from Camp Pike, Ark., are to the effect that Dr. A. S. J. Smith of this city, who enlisted in the medical department of the army last year, has been promoted to a captaincy, which is good news to his many friends here and in Platte county.

The Springfield Leader classes George Creel with the things which ought to be abated.

GOT ALL HE WANTS

Judge Lamm Will Not Bite at the Dangling Senatorial Bait.

Judge Henry Lamm of Sedalia is not a candidate for the empty honor of running as a Republican for the Missouri senate. He has had enough—which is a plenty—at the hands of his fellow Republicans of the state—and it was not office, either, that he was given a sufficiency of by his co-patriots. He got enough "toughing" by those self-made patriots when he went up against the governorship the last election and was given "first aid treatment" by his supposed friends—and he has not forgotten it, either. Some of those "friends" live right here in St. Joseph—and they know how they turned the trick—and so does the Sedalia Lamm.

The Star at Kansas City with its usual disregard for truth printed a story the other day on the occasion of a visit to the state capital by Judge Lamm to the effect that the Sedalia was a Republican candidate for the seat so ably filled by Senator Stone and which is now occupied by Senator Wilfley. Now the Star has been obliged to douse its twinkle and print a letter refuting the assertion and which also puts the aspirations of Judge Lamm's real friends who had hoped that he would make the race, in the kibosh heap. The judge says in his letter to the windy city twinklers:

Say for me, so that all my friends may know the following:
1. I am too poor and too old to run for senator.
2. I have no ambition to be senator.
3. There is no man, alive or dead, ever heard me say I wanted to run for senator.

4. My memory of some of the unhandsome vicissitudes of the late gubernatorial campaign is far too vivid to permit me to run for senator. I want no office to do either of these things.

5. I am a private citizen, making a living by my own labor and helping my distressed country all I can. I want no office to do either of these things.

6. True, I was in Jefferson City several times lately, but it was at the expense of my clients and for the sole purpose of arguing cases in the supreme court. When reached I argued them and came home on next train. I spoke to no one about running for senator and had no senatorial business at the capital. Those who spoke to me about it were either joking or thoughtless. Hence the inference of your bright correspondents to the effect that I was there "giving attention to the senatorial situation" is lively, but quite ungrounded.

7. I am not a candidate for senator.

8. Kindly publish this to relieve the anxiety of all who love me as well as those who don't.

I am, sir, yours sincerely, HENRY LAMM.

BALL SEASON OPENS

Crowded Grandstand and Bleachers Witness the Opening Game of the Series.

It was play ball—and play hard—after Mayor Whitsett had thrown a ball aimed in the direction of a supposed batter, but which barely missed Mayor Tom Fairweather of Des Moines, who was supposed to catch it before it ripped a hole in the grandstand wire netting—and it was a pretty game even if St. Joseph did lose it to Des Moines by a score of 3 to 0.

It was a loyal outpouring of good sports who witnessed the game and cheered on the home boys, the crowd being estimated at over 3,000. Prior to the game there was a grand parade of the business streets of the city, in which over four hundred automobiles and three bands took part. All of the city and county officials were in the parade and the Boosters' Club had out its full membership.

The indications this year are that on account of the war there will be but few sports outside of base ball, and in consequence there will be good patronage.

GABBERT TO RED CROSS

Has Gone Into Training and Will Be Sent to France in the Near Future.

Genial, sunny Lew Gabbert left Thursday for Chicago, from which place he went to New York where he met 1,000 Y. M. C. A. secretaries and with them he will go to Europe where he will engage in Red Triangle work. Lew will make good in his new work—as he makes good in all that he undertakes. With his personality he will make many a weary, wounded or homesick soldier a bit that he has found a friend who was able to lift him from the slough of despond into which his surroundings may have placed him, and the St. Joseph attorney will be the means of accomplishing much good.

Benton, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Gabbert, is already in the service and the younger son, Lewis C. Gabbert, is a member of the home guards. Mrs. Gabbert and her daughter, Virginia Lee, will continue to make their home here.

BUNCOED IN OKLAHOMA LAND DEAL

St. Joseph Has a Large Number of Victims Who Fell for the Bait

BOUGHT LAND FROM GLIB SALESMAN

The McMaster Real Estate Exchange Which Was the Euphonious Title of the Concern Sent a Painted and Bebecked Car Here and a Coterie of Good Talkers Displaying Much Glib Literature Very Easily Did the Rest—and Now Their Victims Mourn.

Did you see that gaudy bebecked and much advertised palatial railway exhibit car which last May stood for two weeks on a spur just north of the Maple Leaf city depot on Third and Antoine?

If you did see it, did you enter its portals and look over the samples and listen to the alien song of the corps of glib salesmen who with all facts and figures at their tongue tips discoursed so eloquently?

If so, without a doubt, you are a victim, for not one man or woman out of every five who entered that car left it before they were a purchaser of some of the commodities that the salesmen had "rolled up" for the unwary.

Of course if you were a victim you do not want your name published, but it will be before the federal courts set through with the glib tongue promoters. This paper now has the names of a glibly number who invested in this city, but it is inclined to not resort to "merciless publicity."

Indicted in Ohio

The McMaster Real Estate Exchange of Oklahoma and its officers have just been indicted in federal court in Cincinnati, Ohio, for fraudulent use of the mails and from the evidence which the officers now have there promises to be sensational developments—and many a "catch" will get into print before it is over.

In last May this company sent a palatial car here which contained exhibits of farming and timber products supposed to have been produced on certain lands in southeastern Oklahoma. The car remained here two weeks and was crowded at all "exhibition times."

Flaming advertisements were issued assuring the people of St. Joseph that 40,000 acres of valuable timber land was to be offered for sale by the government at auction. The company offered to make choice selections of 160 acres each from these 400,000 acres and bid them in for the several purchasers for a logging fee of \$125 per tract. They are said to have represented that these lands afforded a great opportunity to sink oil wells, farm, or cut timber and grow rich.

"Joker" in the Deck

Eleven of these cars operated in the country and altogether about 100,000 were secured from the glibbule.

But there was a "joker." When the auction sale was held the McMaster company was able to purchase but 1,100 tracts of land, whereas it had sold 6,000 tracts. The 4,900 purchasers who were unable to get in on the government auctioned lands are said to have been supplied from lands the McMaster company held under option to purchase at only \$3 per acre from timber men who had purchased the land at a former auction and up on which the timber men had either already cut the trees or reserved the right to do so.

The land lies in the mountainous country of southeastern Oklahoma. "Oil is a dream, and forty acres are required to raise one steer," some of the witnesses before the grand jury testified.

And so it goes—every moment there is a new sucker who will not patronize home folks.

ST. JOSEPH'S GREAT STAMP RECORD

St. Joseph has made a great record in the sale of Thrift and war savings stamps. Chairman J. G. Schneider on Monday announced that the sales since the drive began in this city and county totaled \$225,715.20. Of this amount the main St. Joseph postoffice sold \$174,764.50. The sale of stamps will go on just as usual during the Red Cross drive, and will be kept up all season. The per capita for this city and county is \$2.25.

ALL APPOINTMENTS MADE

The Board of Public Works Completes Its Slate and Those Not Re-nominated Are Sorry.

If your name is not in the following list of appointments made by the board of public works, your name is denied as far as appointment goes this year—unless perchance some one dies, resigns, or gets fired.

The board held a get-together meeting with Mayor Whitsett Thursday forenoon and completed the list. In almost all cases the recommendations of Mayor Whitsett were acted upon favorably but in a few instances they went outside and picked some other fellow. The mayor and the board also recognized the fact that it costs more to live now than it did last year and therefore increases in salaries were made in a number of instances. Here is the full list of appointments:

- City engineer, H. D. Judson (reappointed), \$120 a month.
 - Assistant city engineer, J. D. Mohler, \$145 a month.
 - Superintendent of streets, Charles G. Gates (reappointed), \$115 a month.
 - Assistant superintendent of streets, Henry Trevel, \$20 a month.
 - Superintendent of asphalt plant, W. R. Penner, \$100 a month.
 - Permit inspector, George Kamler, \$160 a month.
 - Superintendent of street lighting plant, H. D. Fox (reappointed), \$150 a month.
 - Superintendent police and fire alarm system, H. G. Stewart (reappointed), \$125 a month.
 - Secretary of board of public works, J. A. Panchon, Jr. (reappointed), \$125 a month.
 - Stenographer of board of public works, Miss Madge Cannon (reappointed), \$75 a month.
 - Purchasing agent, J. W. Haight, \$125 a month.
 - Chief clerk, Ray Ashbrook (reappointed), \$100 a month.
 - Sidewalk inspectors, Oscar E. Fox and A. J. Wells, \$75 a month.
 - Foreman street work, Smith St. Joseph William Campbell, \$3 a day.
 - Paving inspectors, Ben P. Pickell, Charles Harber and Harry Kretzinger, \$75 a month.
 - Stenographer city engineer's office, Miss Gay Christina (reappointment), \$75 a month.
 - Stenographer chief clerk's office, Fred Gorsline, \$20 a month.
 - Chauffeur board of public works, Byron Smith (reappointment), \$50 a month.
- In addition to these appointments salaries were fixed by the board as follows for other employees:
- George Hesse, assistant engineer, \$120 a month.
 - W. F. Prosser, assistant engineer, \$115 a month.
 - W. H. Flood, Jr., assistant engineer, \$110 a month.
 - Oscar Shaw, computer and draftsman, \$100 a month.
 - A. H. Hedke, draftsman, \$55 a month.
 - Ralph Boyer, draftsman, \$75 a month.
 - L. E. Koch, F. E. Howard, O. A. Gabbert, not assigned, \$60 a month.

AN ACTIVE BURGLAR

He Takes Pop Shots at People Who Arouse While He Is Frisking Their Rooms.

An active burglar—one who does things—has been operating for a few days—or rather nights in this city. He is so active that when a sleeper awakes while he is gunbolling over the room he takes a pop shot at the victim to induce slumber for the to-be-buried.

While Miss Meta Scanlan was peacefully sleeping at the home of Paul Lazere, 211 North Twelfth, Wednesday morning, the glare of a flashlight in her face awoke her, and seeing a man in the room she screamed. The burglar fired a shot at her which did no damage and then escaped through the window by which he had entered.

The home of D. J. Williams, 213 North Twelfth, was entered and \$6 taken. Attempts were made at the homes of F. A. Johnson and A. Heller, but neither succeeded. A like failure occurred at Hazel Oppinger.

At the home of Allen Lucas, 406 North Nineteenth, the fellow had better success and made off with a small purse filled with money. A number of other attempts were reported. The actions of the burglar are similar to those of the Kansas City robber who operated there last week.

THIS IS A WISE SUGGESTION

Four of the sixteen Massachusetts congressmen are Democrats and as they have most loyally represented their districts, their state and their country, the suggestion has been made that they be elected to the next congress without Republican opposition.—St. Joseph News-Press.